

29 December 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 29 December 1965

Mr. Helms was in the chair as Acting DCI.

In answer to an earlier inquiry from Mr. Helms, DD/I said that virtually all of our finished intelligence is made available to the BOB. This goes back to Bob Amory's tenure in BOB when he had asked for this. (See Action 1)

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[redacted] the CIB item today [redacted]

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[redacted] noted that

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[redacted] is meeting this afternoon to discuss the implications.

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A-DD/S reported that the move of Agency offices [redacted]

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[redacted] will begin on 3 January. Working hours there will be staggered to facilitate traffic flow.

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A-DD/S noted that the White House is now staffed with [redacted] telephone operators. Those that remain on duty in the Agency are forced to work a six-day week. The Acting DCI asked A-DD/S to try to recruit some more in order to lessen the load.

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[redacted] initiated a discussion of Secretary Vance's negative reaction to the NSA Daily SIGINT Summary when he was shown a copy of this report [redacted] It was agreed that this is a problem not worth pursuing until such time as we have a better idea of how the White House is to be staffed in the coming months. The Daily SIGINT Summary is sent to the White House at White House request.

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[redacted] reported that a U-2 mission over South China has been alerted to cover certain priority targets, coverage of which was recently requested by Secretary Vance.

DD/P noted a cable [redacted] pertaining to his recent discussions with Senator Symington.

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Executive Director noted a letter from Secretary Rusk to the DCI in which the Secretary responds to an earlier DCI letter by saying he concurs with priority intelligence work [redacted] and has sent a message to all U. S. missions underlining his support of this work.

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The Acting DCI commended OCI for the treatment given by the [redacted]

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The Acting DCI reported a telephone call he had from Secretary McNamara this morning. The Secretary wants to know as much as we can get [redacted]

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(See Action 2)

Mr. Helms noted the appointment of George Moran as Assistant to the Director in dealing with outside contacts and relationships with press media. He underlined the need to all hands to permit Moran direct access and to lend all possible support.

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Mr. Helms noted Agency receipt of the "interim report" of the State/Defense study group on China. Agency comments are invited, and the action in this regard is assigned [redacted]

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Mr. Helms noted that there will be a noon ceremony at Headquarters [redacted]  
It was requested that senior Agency officers be present.

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ACTIONS:

1. As of 1 January dissemination of finished intelligence reports to BOB is to cease. The Agency will await requests for this type of intelligence support and requests from BOB are to be made over the signature of the Director of the BOB. (DD/I)

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